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In re the application of inventor(s):

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For: **FLEXIBLE MAGNETIC PAD WITH MULTI-DIRECTIONAL CONSTANTLY
ALTERNATING POLARITY ZONES**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, disclosure is made of the following known related art listed in the accompanying Information Disclosure Citation, Form PTO-1449. According to the announcement made via the USPTO web site entitled "Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003," no copies of the U.S. patent references are enclosed.

Applicant hereby cites the patents and/or publications on the attached form for consideration by the Patent and Trademark Office in regard to the claimed invention. By this notice, Applicant requests that the Patent and Trademark Office make of record the documents

listed. No representation is made that more pertinent material is not available or should not be considered by the Examiner. It is expected that the Patent and Trademark Office will independently conduct a complete search of appropriate prior art. Furthermore, no admission is being made that these documents are prior art, and Applicant reserves the right to challenge any such conclusion.

Additionally, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) the following prior applications are identified below on which the present application relies on for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. The patents cited in these prior applications are indicated in the accompanying Information Disclosure Citation, Form PTO-1449.

Serial No.	Filing Date	Title
09/855,815	May 14, 2001	Flexible magnetic pad with multi-directional constantly alternating polarity zones
09/212,737	December 15, 1998	Flexible magnetic pad with multi-directional constantly alternating polarity zones
08/678,348	July 11, 1996	Flexible magnetic pad with multi-directional constantly alternating polarity zones
08/573,390	December 15, 1995	Flexible magnetic pad with multi-directional constantly alternating polarity zones
08/427,733	April 24, 1995	Flexible magnetic pad with multi-directional constantly alternating polarity zones
07/990,927	December 14, 1992	Flexible magnetic pad with multi-directional constantly alternating polarity zones

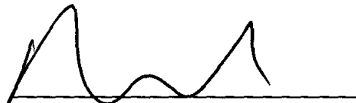
The Information Disclosure Statements set forth in these prior applications are believed to conform with the applicable rules and requirements. Enclosed per 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a) is a list of references arising from these prior applications.

By this reference, Applicant hereby incorporates all references previously cited in any and all related applications on which the present application relies on for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Should there be any remaining or further questions, the Examiner is requested to please contact the undersigned directly. It is not believed that any additional fees are due. However, in the event additional fees are due, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge Applicant's Attorney's Deposit Account No. 03-2030.

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	AB	6,328,684 B1	12/11/01	Ardizzone	600	9	12/15/98
	AC	6,293,900	09/25/01	Bove et al.	600	15	08/15/97
	AD	6,126,588	10/03/00	Flamant et al.	600	15	09/11/95
	AE	5,989,178	11/23/99	Chiu	600	15	04/02/97
	AF	5,984,856	11/16/99	Love	600	15	06/29/98
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	AL	424,257	09/24/70	Australia			X
	AM	0,081,109	06/15/83	EP			X
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	AD	5,304,111	04/19/94	Mitsuno et al.	600	9	06/19/92
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	AF	3,943,912	03/16/76	Nakayama	128	1.3	12/12/73
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